



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1733

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 7040.0023.01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Renato CARETTA et al. )  
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Application Serial No. 09/840,095 ) Group Art Unit: 1733  
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Filed: April 24, 2001 ) Examiner: Knable, G.  
)  
For: A METHOD FOR MAKING TIRES )  
FOR VEHICLE WHEELS )

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

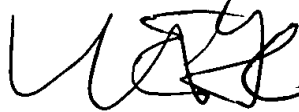
The items checked below are attached:

- ☒ Amendment After Final (38 pages);
- ☒ Notice of Appeal (2 pages);
- ☒ Petition for Extension of Time (three month) (1 page); and
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$1,280.00 (\$330.00—appeal fee and \$950.00—three-month extension fee).

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: May 17, 2004

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